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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 3/14/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,3,5-7,10,12,16-34 and 36.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 10, 12, 16, 19, 26-34 and 36 are allowed.


The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are allowable over the prior art because Claim 5 sets forth a vehicle lighting device having first and second light sources with the second light source being a plasma lamp filled with gas containing charged particles and first and second electrodes with the first electrode being positioned centrally of the second electrode and wherein the second electrode is substantially annular so that streamers from the plasma lamp bridge the spacing between the two electrodes. This combination of limitations was not shown or suggested by the prior art. Claims 7, 10 and 12 are allowable over the prior art because Claim 7 sets forth a vehicle lighting device have first and second light sources with the second light source being a plasma lamp with first and second electrodes with the first electrode positioned in a central portion and the second electrode is coaxially positioned at an outer portion so that streamers travel through the central portion and arc back toward the outer portion. This combination of limitations was not shown or suggested by the prior art. Claims 16, 19, 26 and 27 are allowable over the prior art because Claim 16 sets forth a vehicle lighting device having first and second light sources in a housing with the second light source being a plasma lamp having first and second electrodes with the second electrode composed of at least one of wires integrated into a light transmitting member or an electrically conductive coating on the light transmitting member so that streamers travel from the first electrode to the light transmitting member. This combination of limitations was not shown or suggested

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by the prior art. Claims 28-34 and 36 are allowable over the prior art because Claim 28 sets forth a vehicle lighting device having first and second light sources in a housing with the second light source being a plasma light with a first and second electrode, a sensor for detecting a predetermined condition and a control unit for controlling the plasma lamp based upon the output of the sensor with the control unit having one mode with the first electrode dispersing streamers and another mode which charges the first electrode and grounds the second electrode for more focused streamers. This combination of limitations was not shown or suggested by the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner Neils at (571) 272-2377 on a Monday or Thursday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378.


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